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SUBJ: CODEL PRICE

REF: TEHRAN 1231 AND PREVIOUS

1. CODEL PRICE DEPARTED TEHRAN FOR RIYADH FEBRUARY 12 AFTER ONE AND A HALF DAY VISIT WHICH INCLUDED BRIEFINGS BY EMBASSY AND ARMISH/MAAG AND MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND VICE MINISTER OF WAR. HIGHLIGHT OF THEIR VISIT WAS 90-MINUTE SESSION WITH PRIME MINISTER DURING WHICH HE GAVE FRANK, CONVINCING AND WITTY PRESENTATION OF IRAN'S FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES AND SHAH'S PHILOSOPHY OF RULE. HE WAS FREQUENTLY INTERRUPTED BY CODEL'S APPLAUSE, AND AT END OF MEETING ONE CONGRESSMAN ASKED WITH TONGUE IN CHEEK IF HE WOULD CONSIDER ACCEPTING DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOMINATION FOR US PRESIDENT.

2. BELIEVE VISIT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL IN GIVING IMPORTANT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS AND ITS STAFF A FIRST-HAND PICTURE OF CURRENT IRANIAN SCENE AND HOPES FOR FUTURE, INCLUDING A LIVELY AWARENESS OF HOW THINGS ARE BOOMING HERE. BUT CODEL MEMBERS ARRIVED IN TEHRAN TIRED AND WERE EVEN MORE EXHAUSTED WHEN THEY LEFT, HAVING BEEN FULLY SCHEDULED ON BASIS OF STATE 15639 AND SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CONTACTS WITH DOD CONTROL OFFICER. OVERALL IMPACT OF VISIT MIGHT HAVE BEEN

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MORE FAVORABLE IF THIS AND EARLIER STOPS HAD BEEN

SOMEWHAT MORE LEISURELY. WE RECOMMEND THAT IN PREPARING FOR
FUTURE CODEL VISITS DEPARTMENT DISCUSS FRANKLY WITH CONGRES-
SIONAL STAFF AND INFORM POSTS HOW MUCH FREE TIME VISITORS
WISH BUILT INTO SCHEDULE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WHERE
SOME MEMBERS OF CODEL HAVE MEDICAL PROBLEMS.
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